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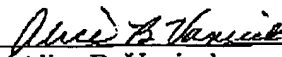
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**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS****REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 10/28/04 from Examiner Thomas regarding the application entitled "Filter Element Fixation for Filter Presses," serial number 10/031,920.

Please enter the following in the above-entitled application: